



COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 198 "An Act Concerning Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces and Delinquent Property Taxes"

CCM **opposes** SB 198.

The bill would prohibit towns and cities from charging or collecting interest on delinquent taxes owed by members of the armed forces called to active duty or serving overseas. Current law allows municipalities to waive the charging and collection of interest on delinquent taxes, leaving this decision to local residents.

While well intentioned, **SB 198 would result in new and unfunded mandate on towns and cities, result in lost revenue and simply shift the burden to local taxpayers.**

CCM urges the Committee to take no action on SB 198 before obtaining a detailed fiscal analyses on the impact of this bill to towns and cities.

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